

# Water Plan Update 2013: Land Use Caucus



**RMS CHAPTER 24: LAND USE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT**

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**SUMMARY OF KEY UPDATES**



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# OPR and the Water Plan



- OPR serves the Governor and his Cabinet as staff for long-range planning and research, and constitutes the comprehensive state planning agency.
- OPR has traditionally helped update the Land Use RMS.
- OPR is involved in several Water Plan Update Committees and Caucuses. These include:
  - State Agency Steering Committee
  - Public Advisory Committee
  - Tribal Advisory Committee
  - Land Use Caucus
  - Flood Caucus
  - EJ/DAC Caucus

# Abstract of RMS Chapter



Land use planning and management cuts across many resource management strategy chapters (RMS) of the California Water Plan Update 2013. This Chapter describes the co-benefits of a working relationship between land use planning and water management by demonstrating how sustainable land use decisions, in both urban and rural areas, can improve water supply and quality, increase flood protection, conserve vital natural habitat, lead to more efficient energy use, and produce land use benefits from improved water management.

Although many of these issues are discussed in greater detail in other RMS chapters, this section focuses on the impact that land use can have on them. This RMS is consistent with the State's goals for more compact sustainable development.

# Summary of Key 2013 Updates



- Included more background on relevant State Departments and resources, including OPR and the Strategic Growth Council
- Updating the chapter with relevant new legislation
- Discussing SB 375 in greater detail
- Identifying collaboration opportunities between water managers and land use planners
- Adding content about disadvantaged communities
- Expanding the discussion of rural issues
- Adding and expanding the “Recommendations” section
- Providing resources throughout the document that can offer assistance implementing the RMS

# New Legislation



- **SB 226 (2011)** Exempts certain rooftop solar projects from CEQA, and also creates a new streamlining tool for infill projects that meet specified criteria and satisfy a set of performance standards. OPR is developing guidelines and performance standards for this new streamlined process for infill projects.
- **SB 244 (2011)** requires local agencies to plan for disadvantaged unincorporated communities through the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) planning process and General Plan updates. SB 244 requires that on or before the next adoption of its housing element, a city or county must review and update the land use element of its general plan to include an analysis of the presence of island, fringe, or legacy unincorporated communities, as well as water, wastewater, stormwater drainage, and structural fire protection deficiencies in those communities and financially feasible ways to extend those services.
- **AB 900 (2011)** the “Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act” requires the Governor to establish procedures for projects to apply for streamlined environmental review. The bill sets up specific criteria which must be met by large projects. The Governor’s Office created guidelines for this bill which are available on the OPR web-site at [www.opr.ca.gov](http://www.opr.ca.gov).

# Additional Edits to Consider in Future Iterations



## **CONTENT**

- Discuss Sustainable Community Strategies under SB 375 – particularly related to water issues
- Include more information about how LEED is used in California
- Expand the conversation of potential benefits of compact development
- Add information about the economic challenges and recession in the “Fiscal Policy Constraints” section
- Provide more information on modeling and indicators

## **OVERALL CONSISTENCY & REFERENCE UPDATES**

- Include OPR’s Climate Action Plan Technical Advisory (estimated mid-2012), and 2012 Annual Planning Survey results in the “Land Use Planning, Water, and Climate Change” section
- Update the status of State programs, sources, and references
- Update tables, charts, images, etc. to reflect text

# Recommendations



- We are particularly looking for feedback on this section.
- General Recommendation categories include:
  - Promote Cross-cutting Funding and Planning Programs
  - Integrate Regional Water Management and Local Land Use Plans
  - Provide Funding Incentives and Technical Assistance
  - Enhance Research and Data Gathering
  - Promote Interagency Coordination

# Timeline and Next Steps



- Incorporate edits and feedback from the January 26<sup>th</sup> Land Use Caucus. Caucus comments are due by February 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Comments can be emailed to Hoa Ly at [hly@water.ca.gov](mailto:hly@water.ca.gov)
- Release an updated draft in March for a 30-day public review period
- Review by Public AC, State Agencies and Tribal AC with any additional suggestions
- If there are big changes – potential return to Caucus, if not, moves forward to Public Review Draft



# Resources



- The RMS Draft can be viewed online at:  
[http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/meeting\\_materials/caucus/2012.01.26/LandUse-RMS\\_Chapter\\_OPRedits.pdf](http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/meeting_materials/caucus/2012.01.26/LandUse-RMS_Chapter_OPRedits.pdf)
- Please contact DWR staff with any additional questions or feedback. Inquires and feedback can be emailed to Hoa Ly at [hly@water.ca.gov](mailto:hly@water.ca.gov)

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## BOOK OF LISTS & ANNUAL PLANNING SURVEY



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# About the Book of Lists (BOL)



- The publication contains the results from OPR's local government annual planning survey. The BOL summarizes the status of local general plans, directories of California's city and county planning agencies, Councils of Government, Local Agency Formation Commissions, Tribal Governments, state and federal agencies, CEQA Judges, and more.
- The Book of Lists from 1996 to 2010 can be found on OPR's Website at:  
[http://opr.ca.gov/s\\_publications.php#pubs-B](http://opr.ca.gov/s_publications.php#pubs-B)

# About the 2011 Annual Planning Survey



- 472 jurisdictions responded to the survey, which is 87% of local governments in California.
- The results will be posted to the OPR website in the next few months.
- There were 38 questions on a wide range of topics including:
  - Health and General Plans
  - Transportation, Mobility and Parking
  - Housing, Density, and Infill
  - Emergency Shelters and Special Needs
  - Conservation of Agricultural Land
  - Solar Energy Development
  - GHG / Climate Action Plans

# How can the Annual Planning Survey inform the 2013 Water Plan update?



- OPR welcomes suggestions for questions in the Annual Planning Survey throughout the year.
- The Survey is released in late summer, with responses due by the end of November.
- If there is relevant information in the 2012 Survey, the responses can potentially be included in the 2013 Water Plan.
- Responses can be tracked by jurisdiction and used to inform recommendations and follow-up by DWR and stakeholders.

# 2012 Annual Planning Survey



- OPR welcomes suggestions for questions in the Annual Planning Survey throughout the year, and is sent to locals in late summer.
- Suggestions can be emailed to Cuauhtemoc Gonzalez at [Cuauhtemoc.Gonzalez@opr.ca.gov](mailto:Cuauhtemoc.Gonzalez@opr.ca.gov).